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M. Verduret had nothing more to do at Vesinet. Therefore, without taking leave of the banker, he quietly left the room and, taking his cab, ordered the driver to return to Paris and drive to the Hotel du Louvre as rapidly as pos-sible. His mind was filled with anxi-ety. He knew that Raoul would give him no more trouble. The young rogue was probably taking his passage for some foreign land at that very moment. But Clameran should not es-cape the punishment he deserved. But how was it possible to inflict this punishment without compromising Mme. Fauvel? M. Verduret thought over the various cases similar to this, but not one among his repertory of expedients could be applied to the present circumstances. After long thought he decided that an accusation of poisoning must come from Oloron. "I will go there and work upon public opinion, so that to satisfy the townspeople the huthorities would order an inquest in Gaston's case. But this required time, and Clameran, being warned, would disappear.

stopped in front of the Hotel du Lou M. Verduret noticed a crowd of e collected together in groups and

people collected together in groups and heard the police crying "Move on!" The crowd would merely separate in one spot to Join a more clamorous group a few yards off.
"What has happened?" demanded M. Verduret of a lounger near by.
"A strange thing," replied the man. "He first appeared at that seventh story window. He was only half dressed. Some persons tried to seize him; but, with the agility of a sleenwafter. he with the agility of a sleepwalker, he jumped out upon the roof, shricking 'Murder! Murder!' The recklessness of his conduct led me to suppose"—
The gossip stopped short in his n

rative, very much astonished. His questioner had vanished. "Could it be Clameran?" thought M.

Verduret. He pushed through the crowded

courtyard of the hotel. At the foot of the staircase M. Fan-

ferlot and three peculiar looking indi-viduals were standing together. "Well," cried M. Verduret, "what's the matter? "The matter is this," said Fanferlot

dejectedly. "I have no luck. You so how it is. This is the only chance I ever had of working out a beautiful case, and, presto, my criminal breaks

"Then it is Clameran who"

"Of course it is. When the rascal saw me this morning, he scampered off like a hare. On reaching the Boulevard of Schools a sudden idea seemed to selze him, and he struck out for this hotel, probably to get his pile of money. When he arrives, what does he see? These three friends of mine. The sight of them had the effect of a sunstroke upon him. He went raving read."

upon him. He went raving mad."
"Where is he now?"
"At the prefecture, I suppose, Some colicemen handcuffed him and drove off with him in a cab."
"Come with me,"

M. Verduret and Fanferlot found Clameran in one of the private cell reserved for dangerous prisoners.

He had on a straitjacket and was struggling violently against three men who were striving to hold him while a physican tried to force him to swallow

potion.
"Help!" he shricked. "Do you not so him - my brother - coming after me?

He wants to poison me!"

M. Verduret took the physician aside and questioned him about the maniac. "He is in a hopeless state," replied the doctor. "This species of insanity is incurable. He thinks some one is trying to poison him, and nothing will per suade him to eat or drink anything, and as it is impossible to force any-thing down his throat he will die of starvation after having suffered all the tortures of poison."

M. Verduret, with a shudder, turned

"Mme. Fauvel is saved. God has punished Clameran."
"That doesn't help me," grumbled

Fanferiot. "All my trouble has been for nothing. What luck!" "That is true," replied M. Verduret, "Case 113 will never leave the record office. But console yourself. I will send you as bearer of dispatches to a friend

of mine, and what you have lost in fame will be gained in gold." Later was celebrated at the Church of Notre Dame de Lorette the marriag of M. Prosper Bertomy and Mile. Made

The banking house is still in Prov ince street, but as M. Fauvel has decid ed to retire from business and live in the country the name of the firm has been changed and is now Prosper Bertomy & Co.

THE END.

Signatures of Boer Leaders. The peace agreement between the British and Boer leaders is typewritten and is probably the first in-strument of the kind. Louis Botha's signature is described as being in a signature is described as being in a "fine clerkly hand." The others are all somewhat rougher, and Delarey's is stated to be the roughest of all. By the way, he splits his name up in three syllables, thus: de la Rey, while his redoubtable folleague of the late himself Christian de semall "d". small "d.

MAN A RATHER POOR LOT.

Some of His Faculties Compared

"Man is a vain sort of an animal a il times," observed a thoughtful citi zen, "and in his process of naming and classifying things around him he has attempted to leave reminders of himself in every possible place, and he has generally succeeded, for one's eyes may not escape falling on something named after some of his attributes. But when we come to think of it, when we come to look nature squarely in the face, man is not the only thing in the land which can lay claim to highly de-veloped senses.

"Take the human eye. Unquestionably the little bundle of nerves in the eye, which make visualization possible and which present the mind with photographic refinements which no art ha yet equaled, is one of the physiologica marvels and opens up an endless field for speculation in the realm of psychol-ogy, that unsolved riddle of science in whose presence even the glants have cowered and skulked in hopeless ig-norance. Yet this eye, discerning with so much delicacy when the picture is no farther than the wall of one's room— this eye with its circumscribed lim-its would be looked upon with dignified scorn by you soaring eagle if he only knew how much farther he could see than a human being.

"Take the human ear. We may not hear so well as the rats and mice that burrow under the palaces in which we live or the squirrel that capers yonder in the forest and countless other things one might mention. We may differentiate with greater accuracy and trace refinements in sound which these lower creatures may not trace, but when it comes to the matter of catching the sound at long range their ears seem to have been more perfectly constructed. "It is conceded that no human voice

has ever been heard which could equal in sweetness of tone the lays which one may hear in the orchard. No hu-man being ever sang more sweetly than Patti, but she never sang so sweetly as the meadow lark when he ours his gurgling love song out on e summer air or the oriole when he shades his silvered octave from the bending bough.
"What device for measuring water

pressure has man invented which will compare with the nerves which string the sides of the fish? It is a sense which is not represented in the human category. Man must resort to artifi-cialities in order to learn the air pressure and the degree of heat or cold But it is different with the fish, for he can always tell just what the water pressure is, and he knows how much he

can stand, and he acts accordingly.
"Take the olfactory nerves. Man is all right when it comes to attar of roses violet perfumeries and this and that sort, but you may pick out the measliest old hound in the swamps of Missis sippi, and if he knew how much su-perior his sense of smell is to man's— well, he wouldn't want to be caught in

a man's company.
"No, I am not running my own creed down. I am just relating a few things which ought to make us all natural lov-ers of the many deserving beauties that we wot not of in these hurrying times, and among them may be cot the things mentioned. Prove it? I nothing. I am just telling you." nothing. I am just tellin Orleans Times-Democrat.

An Ancient Monument.

In the churchyard at Beweastle, Cumberland, England, an isolated spot about twelve miles from any railway station, is a monument bearing the inscription, each of the company of th scription, "The First Year of Eegfrith King of This Realm"—i. e., A. D. 670. Another inscription (Runic) on the west side says that it was set up as a "Standard of Victory In Memory of Alchfrith, Lately King" (of Northum

bria), who played so important a part in the history of the time. An interesting account of the cross is given in Bishop Browne's work, "The Conversion of the Heptarchy." He says that the inscriptions are "the earliest examples known to be in existence of English literature," and, "looking to the importance in the history of the world of the conversion of England, there i no historical monument in these lands to compare with the Bewcastle cross."

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His Chance.
Conjurer (pointing to a large cabinet) Conjurer (pointing to a large cannet)

—Now, ladies and gentlemen, allow me to exhibit my concluding trick. I would ask any lady in the company to step on the stage and stand in this cupboard. I will then close the door. When I open it again, the lady will have vanished without leaving a trace Gentleman In Front Seat (aside to

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